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E. O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT

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1. WE DISCUSSED SCHEDULING FOR VICE PRESIDENT WITH
BEN ELISSAR ON MORNING JUNE 20 USING REFTEL AS A
GENERAL GUIDE. HE HAD REVIEWED PROPOSED SCHEDULE
WITH PRIME MINISTER, WHO HAD FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS
AND COMMENTS:

A. VICE PRESIDENT MIGHT WISH TO VISIT WAILING WALL
AT 1700 HOURS JUNE 30;

B. COURTESY CALL ON SPEAKER OF THE KNESSET ON
JULY 2 SHOULD BE AT 1015 HOURS;

C. SCHEDULE ON JULY 3 SHOULD BE ADVANCED BY 30
MINUTES SO THAT VISIT TO YAD VASHEM CAN BE EARLIER
AND RETURN TO JERUSALEM FROM ABSORPTION CENTER BY
1130 HOURS;

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D. 1130-1300 HOURS ON JULY 3 SHOULD BE FOR WORKING
MEETING WITH THE PM "AND HIS CLOSEST COLLEAGUES" FOLLOWED
BY INFORMAL LUNCH, PROBABLY AT KNESSET;

E. AFTER LUNCH, APPROX 15 MINUTES SHOULD BE SET ASIDE FOR
COFFEE WITH MEMBERS OF ISRAEL-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY
((SAME SITE AS LUNCH). DEPARTURE FOR BEN GURION

AIRPORT WOULD BE DIRECTLY THEREAFTER.

F. BEN ELISSAR UNDERSTANDS THAT VP CANNOT DELAY DEPARTURE TO PERMIT ATTENDANCE AT KNESSET SESSION.

2. SEVERAL TIMES DURING THE CONVERSATION BEN ELISSAR MENTIONED VISIT TO WAILING WALL. IT IS CLEAR THAT GOI INTENDS TO USE THIS OCCASION FOR ITS POLITICAL ENDS BY HAVING HIGH-LEVEL GOI OFFICIALS PRESENT. THIS RAISES VERY SERIOUS QUESTION WHETHER IT IS ADVISABLE TO KEEP THIS IN THE VICE PRESENT'S SCHEDULE. DESPITE OBVIOUS REASONS FOR SUCH A VISIT, WE RECOMMEND THAT IT BE DROPPED TO AVOID HEAD-ON COLLISION WITH ISRAELI HOSTS, WHO WILL BE ADAMANT, WE ARE CERTAIN, IN THEIR INSISTENCE THAT GOI OFFICIALS ACCOMPANY THE VICE PRESIDENT. EVEN IF IN THE END WE WIN THIS BRUISING BATTLE, WE CANNOT BE SURE THAT AT THE LAST MOMENT THE ISRAELIS WILL NOT TRY TO BE PRESENT IN SOME FASHION AT THE TIME OF THE VP'S VISIT TO THE WALL. IF WE GET WIND OF THAT POSSIBILITY AND CANCEL THE VISIT, THE RESULTING PUBLICITY HERE WILL BE DEVASTATINGLY NEGATIVE.

3. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THE VP SHOULD HAVE SOME OTHER ACTIVITY IN JERUSALEM. TEDDY KOLLEK IS ALREADY OUTSPOKEN ABOUT HIS UNHAPPINESS WITH THE WAY THINGS ARE DEVELOPING. THE BEST BET TO US SEEMS CONFIDENTIAL

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TO BE A BRIEF CEREMONY AT THE LIBERTY BELL PARK (SEE PARA 2 REFTEL). PLEASE ADVISE.

4. THE PROBLEM OF A PRESS CONFERENCE IS STILL WITH US. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FILING TIME FOR TRAVELING PRESS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE, WE RECOMMEND THAT CONFERENCE BE RESCHEDULED FOR JULY 3 AT 1020-1050 HOURS AT THE KING DAVID, JUST PRIOR TO WORKING MEETING WITH PM. TO MAKE ROOM IN THE SCHEDULE ON JULY 3, THE PROGRAM WOULD EITHER HAVE TO START 30 MINUTES EARLIER IN THE MORNING OR DEPARTURE WOULD HAVE TO BE DELAYED UNTIL 1530 HOURS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR REACTION.

5. WE WISH TO RAISE AGAIN THE POSSIBILITY OF THE VICE PRESIDENT SPENDING 15-20 MINUTES MEETING WITH THE OFFICIAL AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN ISRAEL ON JULY 1. THIS COULD FOLLOW THE MEETING WITH GOLDA MEIR AND PRECEDE THE FREE TIME AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. THE GESTURE WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED BY THE OFFICIAL COMMUNITY AND IT WOULD NOT CAUSE ANY SCHEDULING PROBLEMS.

6. WE ARE CHECKING INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF SWITCHING

THE SCHEDULE AROUND IN BEERSHEVA ON JULY 2 TO ARRANGE

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LUNCHAT KIBBUTZ SDE BOKER INSTEAD OF THE UNIVERSITY.
THIS WOULD REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF TIME SPENT AT THE UNI-
VERSITY, BUT NO EVENTS WOULD BE ELIMINATED.

7. WE HAVE INFORMED BEN ELISSAR WE WOULD TRY HAVE
WASHINGTON REACTIONS TO FOLLOWING PROPOSED SCHEDULE
BY TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO PERMIT CONCRET START ON
ARRANGEMENTS:

FRIDAY, JUNE 30
1500 ARRIVAL BEN GURION AIRPORT
1505-1510 AIRPORT ARRIVAL STATEMENT
1515 MOTORCADE DEPARTS FOR KING DAVID HOTEL
1600 ARRIVAL KING DAVID HOTEL
1600 - FREE TIME

SATURDAY, JULY 1
1200-1300 LUNCH WITH AMB LEWIS IN SUITE AT K D HOTEL
1645 DEPART K D FOR TEL AVIV
1745 MEETING WITH GOLDA MEIR AT HER HOME IN TEL AVIV
1830-1845 MEETING WITH OFFICIAL AMERICAN COMMUNITY (SITE
NEAR AMB'S RESIDENCE)
1900-2000 LIGHT SUPPER AT AMB'S RESIDENCE FOR VP AND HIS
PARTY PER SMITH/VIETS TELECON.

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2000-2200 RECEPTION AT RESIDENCE FOR LEADING ISRAELI
FIGURES AND SPOUSES.
FYI: AMB OUT OF TOWN TODAY AND HAS NOT SEEN THIS CHANGE IN
PLANS.
2200 DEPART RESIDENCE FOR HOTEL
2245 ARRIVE KING DAVID

SUNDAY, JULY 2
0925 DEPART K D FOR PRESIDENT NAVON'S RESIDENCE
0930-1000 MEETING WITH PRESIDENT NAVON
1015-1030 COURTESY CALL ON KNESSET SPEAKER SHAMIR
1030 DEPART KNESSET FOR HELIPAD
1035 DEPART BY HELICOPTER FOR SDE BOKER (NEAR BEERSHEVA).
1105 ARRIVE SDE BOKER
1105-1300 LAY WREATH ON BEN GURION MEMORIAL, TOUR KIBBUTZ
AND HAVE LUNCH.
1300 DEPART SDE BOKER BY HELICOPTER FOR BEERSHEVA.
1315 ARRIVE BEERSHEVA.
1330-1415 PLAQUE UNVEILING CEREMONY FOR HUMPHREY INSTITUTE
AT BEN GURION UNIVERSITY FOLLOWED BY TOUR OF CAMPUS.
1415 DEPART BEERSHEVA BY HELICOPTER FOR JERUSALEM.
1445 ARRIVE JERUSALEM AND RETURN TO HOTEL.
1600 MEET WITH PM BEGIN IN HIS OFFICE.
1700 JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT OF BINATIONAL EDUCATION FUND
OUTSIDE PM'S OFFICE. 1715-2000 FREE TIME AT KING DAVID.
2000 OFFICIAL DINNER AT KNESSET CO-HOSTED BY PM BEGIN AND
KNESSET SPEAKER SHAMIR - MAJOR ADDRESS BY VP.
2300 RETURN TO HOTEL.

MONDAY, JULY 3
0845 DEPART K D FOR YAD VASHEM MEMORIAL.
0900-0930 VISIT YAD VASHEM AND LAY WREATH.
0930-0955 TRAVEL BY CAR TO ABSORPTION CENTER ON HILLS
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OUTSIDE JERUSALEM.
0955-1030 VISIT ABSORPTION CENTER.
1030-1055 RETURN TO JERUSALEM.
1100-1130 PRESS CONFERENCE AT K D.
1135-1145 EN ROUTE TO KNESSET.
1145-1315 WORKING SESSION AND INFORMAL LUNCH WITH PM AND
SELECTED MINISTERS AT KNESSET.
1315-1345 MEETING WITH OPPOSITION LEADER PERES AT KNESSET
(BEN ELISSAR AGAIN SUGGESTED THIS CALL BE MADE. WE AGREE.).
1345-1405 MEETING WITH DULZIN AND U.S.-ISRAEL FRIENDSHIP
SOCIETY LEADERS AT KNESSET.
1405 DEPART FOR BEN GURION AIRPORT.
1500 WHEELS UP.

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